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July 21, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR

Just to confirm my telephone request this morning, we would like to have a short paper with appropriate graph or table on Soviet military aid to Iraq, Syria, UAR, Yemen and Algeria.

Specifically we would like this paper to describe the trend of Soviet deliveries of military equipment 1960-present and point out any significant shifts in the trend--in quantities, recipients or types of equipment. We are particularly interested in knowing whether the rate or pattern of deliveries over the past two years has increased, remained generally at the same level or declined in comparison with the period 1960-64.

The basic question we are trying to answer is whether Communist efforts in the Middle East are becoming more intense. Military aid is only one part of this picture but a significant one.

As I told you, if we could have this in ten days to two weeks, it would suit our needs. We don't want to turn anybody inside out because this is not a crash project. However, we would like it as soon as is reasonable.

Harold H. Saunders

Orig sent to Ch/E for ACTION- 22 July Due to OD/ORR- 9 aug 1966

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- 1. Hal Saunders of Rostow's staff telephoned the following request, which he will confirm with a note giving further details. To will welcome any questions that may arise in the course of preparing a response.
- 2. A short paper is desired setting forth, in more details than is provided in the periodic EIC Bloc aid reviews, the kinds, quantities and patterns of Soviet military aid to individual Middle Eastern countries, the object being to determine if there have been significant increases, decreases or shifts in these deliveries.
  - 3. Saunders has in mind a 10 Un day deadline; we agreed to a

COB August delivery date.

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called regarding the status of the attached request. Wanted to know if we would have any problem meeting the deadline and if there was a reasonable possibility of doing it earlier. Also, the 10 August deadline is when it is due to Saunders. No need to go through the DD/I's office on this -- a drop copy to them will be sufficient.

Talked with who said that the paper should be in our office this afternoon. Gave this message to who said he would relay it to 25X1A

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